THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): The details of Army personnel/civilians killed due to IED/Land mine blasts in Jammu and Kashmir from 1.1.1999 to 31.10.2001 is as under:—

Year	Army personnel	Civilians*
1999	36	92
2000	39	129
2001	40	117
TOTAL	115	338

*The figure of civilians includes deaths due to IED explosions and grenades.

Involvement of foreign nationals in the terrorist activities in J and K

†374. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH LALAN':
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received evidence of involvement of foreign nationals besides our citizens in the terrorist activities in the State of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard; and

(c) the assessment of the number of terrorists active in the State of Jammu and Kashmir alongwith the number of foreign nationals out of them and the country-wise number thereof alongwith the names of the said countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. As reported by State Government of J and K 2261 foreign mercenaries have been killed and 115 arrested in the State from 1990 to October, 2001.

(c) Though estimates vary, approximately 3000 to 4000 terrorists

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

are currently active in J and K, a significant proportion of which are estimated to be foreign mercenaries.

Ban on SIMI

375. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has banned the SIMI;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of cases registered, the number of arrests made of SIMI members and other details before the ban was announced; and

(d) the number of incidents that took place, loss of lives and other details thereof in different States in the wake of the ban?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) to (d) The Students Islamic Movement of India (SIMI) has been found indulging in activities which are prejudicial to the security of the country and have the potential of disturbing peace and communal harmony and disrupting the secular fabric of the country. More than hundred cases have been registered against the activists of this organization under the provisions of various Acts by the Government of different States and several SIMI activists have been arrested. In view of this, the Central Government have declared this organization as an unlawful association under the provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (37 of 1967) by a Notification dated 27.9.2001.

In the wake of ban imposed on SIMI no serious incidents have been reported except the incidents in Lucknow city in Uttar Pradesh in which 4 lives were lost.

Cease-fire in J and K during Ramzan

376. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government will announce cease-fire during this "Ramzan" at Jammu and Kashmir;